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1. On 3 September 1953 the People's Armed Operations Department (Jen Min Wu Chuang Kung Tso Pu, 0086/3046/2976/5944/1562/0155/6752)¹ of the Kwangtung Military District began a three-day conference on operations. The meetings were held in Canton on Te Hsuan (1795/1357) Road at the former site of the Canton Administration Office.
2. More than 100 men, including chiefs of the people's armed operations sections of the various administrative offices and militia leaders of various hsien, attended the conference.
3. HUANG I-p'ing² (7806/0001/1627), director of the People's Armed Operations Department, was chairman of the conference and also gave a general annual review of the operations of the department.
4. The following resolutions were adopted:
 - a. Expand militia organizations at various places and increase the power of district and village militia cadres.³
 - b. Increase military and political training for militiamen.
 - c. Tighten and maintain public order and guard against activities of Nationalist agents.
 - d. Correct the wrong ideas of cadres.
 - e. Destroy local influence.
 - f. Replace all militia cadres by Chinese Communist Party commissioners (sic) and take part in a production campaign under the leadership of party commissioners aimed at especially linking the production movement to social education and strengthening and improving militia work.³

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1. [] Comment. This department has not been identified in previous reports, although the existence of such a militia-supervisory office at military district level is not improbable. The hsien arms department (hsien wu chuang pu, 4905/2976/5944/6752) is the highest-level body directly concerned with militia affairs that has been specifically identified in previous reports; [] this department and reported that the militia chain-of-command passed upwards through unspecified departments of the military sub-district, military district, and military area to the Revolutionary Military Council.

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2. [] Comment. HUANG was formerly commander of the 43 Army; his present position is unknown.

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3. [] Comment. There appears to be some discrepancy between paragraph 4a, which stated that the power of village militia cadres was to be increased, and paragraph 4f, which states that all militia cadres were to be replaced by Chinese Communist Party Commissioners. []

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[] means that the power of the village militia cadres is to be increased over that of other local officials, and that the local militia officials are to be replaced by trusted party members.

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